

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 10, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 10, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 remain pending following entry of this response.

Election / Restrictions

The Examiner states that:

“This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, directed to figure 2.
Species II, directed to figure 4.
Species III, directed to figure 5.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is generic.”

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims directed to Species III (Figure 5) for examination. Applicants submit that claims 12-20 are readable thereon.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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